

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace as-filed paragraph 0026 with the following amended paragraph 0026:

**[0026]** As shown in FIGURE 7, free lid 18 may also be removed from main body 11. For example, in one aspect of the invention, free lid 18 may be removed to allow access into the inside of main body 11. In one aspect of the invention, free lid 18 may be removed from main body 11 and provide a serving tray, for example, for the food or beverage stored in storage container 10. FIGURE 7 also illustrates a liquid collector or water lip 40 mounted to free lid 18 according to one aspect of the present invention. (The details of liquid collector 40 are illustrated and described with respect to FIGURES 14 and 15 below.) As shown in FIGURE 7, liquid collector 40 is adapted to be mounted to one or more lids 16, 17, or 18 and be fit within the open top of storage container 10 when lids 16, 17, or 18 is in the closed position. In one aspect, free lid 18 may comprise one or more (or a plurality of) removable or detachably mounted lids 18, for example, lids 18a and 18b shown in phantom in FIGURE 7.